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	James Sells	1734	
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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In a method for impregnating a porous metal pad with a polymer, the prior art does not teach or make obvious the concept of placing the arrangement into a press for sufficient time under sufficient temperature and pressure to allow the semi-crystalline polymer film to interpose itself within the porous metal sheet, to form an impregnated porous metal pad in the manner claimed by the applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Sells whose telephone number is (571) 272-1237. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-1237.

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